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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to improve cooperation in the area of Science and Technology between India and Germany, the two countries are in the process of setting up an Indo-German research training group on nano-materials;

(b) if so, whether any concrete proposals in this regard have been reached;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Germans are keen to have a collaboration with India particularly in the area of IT and Bio-technology; and

(e) if so, time by which final agreement in this regard is likely to be signed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Discussions between scientists of the two countries have been taking place to formulate a proposal on setting up of Indo-German Research Training Group on "Engineered, Functional Nanocomposites". A scientific delegation from India visited Germany in April 2004 for detailed discussions with their counterparts.

(d) & (e) Bilateral Indo-German S&T Cooperation includes both IT and Biotechnology as identified priority areas. Additionally, a separate Memorandum of Understanding has been concluded by Department of Biotechnology with Germany for collaboration in the field of Biotechnology.